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NEWSLETTER

September 1962

The September meeting was held Sept. 10, 1962 at the Lake Sunapee Country Club, New London, N. H.

Several Supts. and wives attended this meeting and from all reports enjoyed a relaxing weekend.

The results of the golf Tournament:

low gross	- Floyd Wiget	78
	Bill Carter	79
net	- Purdy Carson	69
	Julie Aksten	74
	Mr. Cote	

Points of interest at Lake Sunapee in addition to a fine golf course were:

1. The large nurseries of Velvet Bent and Penn Cross, the Penn Cross putting green is 6½ years old, #9 green Velvet is 4 years old and #18 Velvet green is 30 years old.

2. The par 3 course under construction at the entrance.

3. The new maintenance building under construction.

Golf Tournament results for Club Championships held August 5, at Charles River C. C.

Club Championship	- Mel Wendell	75
	Milt Brown	78
	Art Cody	79
	Bill Carter	79

Low Net	- John Mileski	
	John Alamonti	

Seniors Championship	- Mike O'Grady	92 - 22 - 70
	Phil Cassidy	92 - 16 - 76
	Joe Dandurand	99 - 23 - 76

At the business meeting Stan Brown, Supt. New Bedford Public Links, New Bedford, Mass. and Tom Scannell, Supt. Cranwell Golf Club, Lenox, Mass. were voted regular members.

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It was nice to have Ed Buecher at our last meeting. Ed has been confined for some time with a broken leg.

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The next meeting will be the Pro Supt. meeting at Bra Burn Country Club, October 15, 1962.

Only PGA pros and/or members of our Association are eligible to participate in this tournament.

Arthur Anderson, host. Supt., requests that no one tee off before 10:00 A.M.

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The last outdoor meeting of the year will be held November 7, 1962 on the Cape, details are not complete.

#### WHY IS PENNCROSS SEED SO EXPENSIVE?

From Eastern Turfletter

This question is often asked...why should Penncross creeping bentgrass seed cost from 8 to 10 dollars a pound while other bentgrass seed for putting greens is usually in the neighborhood of \$1.00 per pound? Part of the answer was supplied by Dr. Joseph Duich of Penn State University in his discussion of Penncross at the University of Massachusetts conference recently...very limited production for one thing. He cited International Crop Improvement Association figures of acreage planted to bentgrass this year...which are as follows:

Penncross	193 acres
*Highland	286 "
Seaside	1,065 "
Astoria	1,800 "
*Colonial	10,742 "

(Highland and Colonial are used primarily in tee and fairway mixtures ... not used for seeding greens.)

Secondly, in order to grow Penncross, rigid certification standards must be met...three separate creeping bentgrass strains of foundation or approved planting stock must be planted vegetatively (by stolons) in a manner designated in the certification regulations...and the first generation seed only produced by random crossing of these 3 strains is Penncross seed. Limited years of harvest too are realized...Three years is the life of any one field producing penncross seed. Compare this to unlimited restriction on other bentgrass production fields and some of the answers concerning price per pound evolve. Yet, is it expensive when you consider that the seeding rate for Penncross is reduce by one-half normal seeding rates for Seaside or Astoria...that improved turf is realized sooner...and that the spreading qualities of Penncross far exceeds that of other seeded bentgrass strains. Should price per pound therefore be the prime consideration? We think not!

The Editor - Dick Blake

September 22, 1962

To the Membership:

The fact that the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, were Co-Sponsors of The Turf Conference, at the University of Massachusetts, March 8 and 9, 1962, I am submitting this report.

Attendance at Turf Conference 1962

Golf Courses	266
Dealers & Commercial Representatives	76
Landscape & Garden Centers	12
Park Departments	7
Cemeteries	5
University Personal	2
Industrial & Municipal Grounds	8
Public Works	2
Misc.	6
Total Paid Registration	<u>384</u>
Students	100
Speakers and Guests	21
University Personal	15
County Agents	6
Total Unpaid Registration	<u>142</u>
Total Registration	526

Financial Statement as per Conference Coordinator

Amount Received:		\$3371.00
Turf Conference Expenses:		
193 Luncheons @ \$1.45 plus tax	293.84	
190 Coffee & Donuts @ \$.25	47.50	
152 Luncheons @ \$1.35 plus tax	215.46	
240 Dinners @ \$4.75 plus tax	1197.00	
Gratuities	130.00	
Use of rooms in the Student Union:		
Colonial Lounge	5.00	
Commonwealth Room	24.00	
County Rooms	10.00	
329 Registration Fees @ \$.50	164.50	
Total Turf Conference Expenses:		<u>2087.30</u>
Balance Due Turf Conference*		<u>1283.70</u> 1283.70
Amount Received for Conference Office Expenses:		164.50
Conference Office Expenses:		
35 Dinners @ \$4.75 plus tax:		<u>174.56</u>
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*Refund to Turf Conference:		1273.64
Refunded to Turf Conference on April 11, 1962:		<u>72.00</u>
Total Refunds to Turf Conference:		1345.64

Financial Report

Turf Conference Balance	1345.64
Registration Fees Sent to Sec. Mass. Turf	<u>19.50</u>
Total Conference Balance	\$1365.14
Refund to Conference Coordinator	<u>84.79</u>
New Total	\$1280.35
Turf Clipping Expense	
(Mass. Turf Official Pub.)	<u>413.05</u>
New Bedford Forward to (Sec. Treas.	
Mass. Turf and Lawn Grass Council)	\$ 867.30
Speakers Paid by the University of Mass. Extension Service	\$225.00

The Officers of the Massachusetts Turf and Lawn Grass Council are as  
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